

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that Claim 10 is rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

Claims 1-8 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

At the same time, the Examiner suggested amending the claims to overcome the rejections and to correct some informalities.

The Examiners highly beneficial cooperation in suggesting the language of the claims has been gratefully acknowledged.

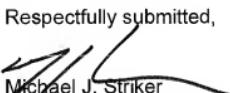
After carefully considering the Examiner's grounds for rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, and the Examiner's suggestions, applicants amended the corresponding claims in accordance with the Examiner's proposals.

It is believed that the claims currently on file should be considered as clearly defining the present invention and patentably distinguishing over the art.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

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